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REMARKS:

Claims 4-20, 44, and 45 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 5, 9, 12, 14, and 45 are cancelled, claims 46-61 are added, and claim 13 is withdrawn, thereby leaving claims 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 15-20, and 44 unchanged.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with the Undersigned on May 25, 2006. In the interview, the present restriction requirement and the basis for the restriction requirement were discussed. In response to the interview, Applicant is filing the present response.

The Examiner indicates that the application contains claims directed to the following distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 4 and 44, drawn to a saw including a quick locking member that is pivotable between a first position and a second position, classified in class 30, subclass 391;
- II. Claims 5-8 and 45, drawn to a saw including a spring engageable with a quick-locking member to releasably retain the quick-locking member in the first position, classified in class 30, subclass 124;
- III. Claims 9-11, drawn to a saw including a quick-locking member having an over center biasing latch, classified in class 30, subclass 388; and
- IV. Claims 12-20, drawn to a saw including a hook member engaging a first end of the cover and a quick-locking member engaging the cover at a second end of the cover, classified in class 30, subclass 389.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6-8, 10, 11, and 15-20 depend from independent claim 4 and should have been identified as being part of Invention I.

Applicant is required to elect a single invention. By this Amendment, Applicant elects, with traverse, Invention I relating to claims 4 and 44 as identified by the Examiner and additionally elects claims 6-8, 10, 11, and 15-20, which Applicant believes should also be considered as part of Invention I.

In addition, Applicant has added new dependent claims 46-49, which depend from independent claim 4, and claims 50-61, which depend from independent claim 44, and should be considered as being part of Invention I.

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Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 15-20 and 46-61 should be examined in the present application. In the event the Examiner disagrees with the Applicant's assertion that claims 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 15-20, and 46-61 should be examined together in the present application, Applicant still wishes to elect Invention I and the claims that the Examiner deems are directed to Invention I.

Applicant is also required to elect one of the following Species identified by the Examiner:

Species I: Figs. 1-13; and

Species II: Figs. 14-44.

By this Amendment, Applicant elects, with traverse, Species II relating to Figs. 14-44. Applicant is required to identify which claims read upon the elected species. Accordingly, Applicant submits that previously pending claims 4, 6-8, 10, 11, and 15-20 and newly added claims 46-61 read upon elected Species II. Claim 13 is hereby withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner states that none of the currently pending claims are generic. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that claims 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 15-20, and 46-61 are generic.

Applicant hereby cancels claims 5, 9, 12, 14, and 45. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of these cancelled claims and other aspects of the application in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.

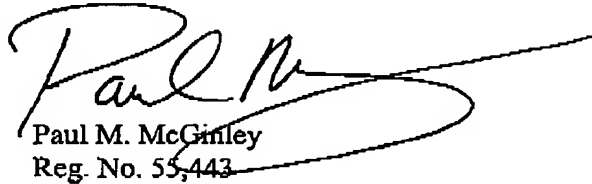
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CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, examination of the current application on the merits is respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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